

George Collins Civil War Diary

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Biographical Note:

George Malin Collins was born in Vevay, Indiana on January 10, 1838. He served as the assistant surgeon for the 17th Indiana Volunteer Infantry from December 12, 1864-August [8], 1865. Collins married Sarah C. Hardy on January 9, 1861 in Decatur County, Indiana. Together they had 6 children. George Collins died on August 27, 1896 in Tipton, Indiana and was buried at Fairview Cemetery, Tipton.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains the diary (photocopy) of the George M. Collins Civil War Diary. It begins on January 13, 1865 and continues until July 15, 1865. There are a few sporadic entries and notes after that date. In his diary, Collins discusses life in the camps, hunger, sickness, disease, his desire to return home, and the capture of Jefferson Davis. He also commented on the people, particularly slaves, that he meets during his service. The diary also includes his monthly expenditures for June and May, as well as a few medicinal recipes, such as cod liver emulsion.

Item Listing:

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